

# SENATE BILL NO. 412

August 20, 2019, Introduced by Senator LUCIDO and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled  
"The Michigan penal code,"  
by amending section 174a (MCL 750.174a), as amended by 2013 PA 34.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 174a. (1) A person shall not through fraud, deceit,  
2 misrepresentation, coercion, or unjust enrichment obtain or use or  
3 attempt to obtain or use a vulnerable adult's money or property to  
4 directly or indirectly benefit that person knowing or having reason  
5 to know the vulnerable adult is a vulnerable adult.

6           (2) If the money or property used or obtained, or attempted to

1 be used or obtained, has a value of less than \$200.00, the person  
2 is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more  
3 than ~~93 days~~ **1 year** or a fine of not more than ~~\$500.00~~ **\$1,000.00** or  
4 3 times the value of the money or property used or obtained or  
5 attempted to be used or obtained, whichever is greater, or both  
6 imprisonment and a fine.

7 (3) If any of the following apply, the person is guilty of a  
8 misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or  
9 a fine of not more than ~~\$2,000.00~~ **\$4,000.00** or 3 times the value of  
10 the money or property used or obtained or attempted to be used or  
11 obtained, whichever is greater, or both imprisonment and a fine:

12 (a) The money or property used or obtained, or attempted to be  
13 used or obtained, has a value of \$200.00 or more but less than  
14 \$1,000.00.

15 (b) The person violates subsection (2) and has 1 or more prior  
16 convictions for committing or attempting to commit an offense under  
17 this section.

18 (4) If any of the following apply, the person is guilty of a  
19 felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ~~5~~ **10** years or a  
20 fine of not more than ~~\$10,000.00~~ **\$20,000.00** or 3 times the value of  
21 the money or property used or obtained or attempted to be used or  
22 obtained, whichever is greater, or both imprisonment and a fine:

23 (a) The money or property used or obtained, or attempted to be  
24 used or obtained, has a value of \$1,000.00 or more but less than  
25 \$20,000.00.

26 (b) The person violates subsection (3) (a) and has 1 or more  
27 prior convictions for committing or attempting to commit an offense  
28 under this section. For purposes of this subdivision, however, a  
29 prior conviction does not include a conviction for a violation or

1 attempted violation of subsection (2) or (3) (b).

2 (5) If any of the following apply, the person is guilty of a  
3 felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ~~10~~**15** years or  
4 a fine of not more than ~~\$15,000.00~~**\$30,000.00** or 3 times the value  
5 of the money or property used or obtained or attempted to be used  
6 or obtained, whichever is greater, or both imprisonment and a fine:

7 (a) The money or property used or obtained, or attempted to be  
8 used or obtained, has a value of \$20,000.00 or more but less than  
9 \$50,000.00.

10 (b) The person violates subsection (4) (a) and has 2 or more  
11 prior convictions for committing or attempting to commit an offense  
12 under this section. For purposes of this subdivision, however, a  
13 prior conviction does not include a conviction for a violation or  
14 attempted violation of subsection (2) or (3) (b).

15 (6) If any of the following apply, the person is guilty of a  
16 felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ~~15~~**20** years or  
17 a fine of not more than ~~\$15,000.00~~**\$30,000.00** or 3 times the value  
18 of the money or property used or obtained or attempted to be used  
19 or obtained, whichever is greater, or both imprisonment and a fine:

20 (a) The money or property used or obtained, or attempted to be  
21 used or obtained, has a value of \$50,000.00 or more but less than  
22 \$100,000.00.

23 (b) The person violates subsection (5) (a) and has 2 or more  
24 prior convictions for committing or attempting to commit an offense  
25 under this section. For purposes of this subdivision, however, a  
26 prior conviction does not include a conviction for a violation or  
27 attempted violation of subsection (2) or (3) (b).

28 (7) If any of the following apply, the person is guilty of a  
29 felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ~~20~~**25** years or

1 a fine of not more than ~~\$50,000.00~~ **\$100,000.00** or 3 times the value  
2 of the money or property used or obtained or attempted to be used  
3 or obtained, whichever is greater, or both imprisonment and a fine:

4 (a) The money or property used or obtained, or attempted to be  
5 used or obtained, has a value of \$100,000.00 or more.

6 (b) The person violates subsection (6) (a) and has 2 or more  
7 prior convictions for committing or attempting to commit an offense  
8 under this section. For purposes of this subdivision, however, a  
9 prior conviction does not include a conviction for a violation or  
10 attempted violation of subsection (2) or (3) (b).

11 (8) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the  
12 values of money or property used or obtained or attempted to be  
13 used or obtained in separate incidents pursuant to a scheme or  
14 course of conduct within any 12-month period may be aggregated to  
15 determine the total value of money or personal property used or  
16 obtained or attempted to be used or obtained. If the scheme or  
17 course of conduct is directed against only 1 person, no time limit  
18 applies to aggregation under this subsection.

19 (9) If the prosecuting attorney intends to seek an enhanced  
20 sentence based upon the defendant having 1 or more prior  
21 convictions, the prosecuting attorney shall include on the  
22 complaint and information a statement listing the prior conviction  
23 or convictions. The existence of the defendant's prior conviction  
24 or convictions ~~shall~~ **must** be determined by the court, without a  
25 jury, at sentencing or at a separate hearing for that purpose  
26 before sentencing. The existence of a prior conviction may be  
27 established by any evidence relevant for that purpose, including,  
28 but not limited to, 1 or more of the following:

29 (a) A copy of the judgment of conviction.

1 (b) A transcript of a prior trial, plea-taking, or sentencing.

2 (c) Information contained in a presentence report.

3 (d) The defendant's statement.

4 (10) If the sentence for a conviction under this section is  
5 enhanced by 1 or more prior convictions, those prior convictions  
6 ~~shall~~**must** not be used to further enhance the sentence for the  
7 conviction under section 10, 11, or 12 of chapter IX of the code of  
8 criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL 769.10, 769.11, and 769.12.

9 (11) A financial institution or a broker or a director,  
10 officer, employee, or agent of a financial institution or broker is  
11 not in violation of this section while performing duties in the  
12 normal course of business of a financial institution or broker or a  
13 director, officer, employee, or agent of a financial institution or  
14 broker.

15 (12) ~~(13)~~—The court may order a sentence imposed for a  
16 violation of subsection (4), (5), (6), or (7) to be served  
17 consecutively to any other sentence imposed for a violation of this  
18 section.

19 (13) ~~(14)~~—This section does not prohibit a person from being  
20 charged with, convicted of, or punished for any other violation of  
21 law the person commits while violating this section.

22 (14) ~~(15)~~—As used in this section:

23 (a) "Broker" means that term as defined in section 8102 of the  
24 uniform commercial code, 1962 PA 174, MCL 440.8102.

25 (b) "Financial institution" means a bank, credit union, saving  
26 bank, or a savings and loan chartered under state or federal law or  
27 an affiliate of a bank, credit union, saving bank, or savings and  
28 loan chartered under state or federal law.

29 (c) "Vulnerable adult" means that term as defined in section

1 145m, whether or not the individual has been determined by the  
2 court to be incapacitated.

3       **(15)** ~~(16)~~—If the office of services to the aging becomes aware  
4 of a violation of this section, the office of services to the aging  
5 shall promptly report the violation to the department of **health and**  
6 human services.

7       Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
8 after the date it is enacted into law.